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Mr. Frank Bartes
1608 Mason Smith
Metairie, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Bartes:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of recent date concerning the situation in Cuba.

While the indications are there that some of the Russian troops have been removed from Cuba, this still does not solve the problem of a Communist satellite in the Western Hemisphere.

With regard to your questions, no one would be happier than I to see the many treaties and agreements which we have entered into with other Latin American carried out with regard to their provisions pertaining to Communist intervention in the Hemisphere.

I do not believe that the Cuban crisis was politically motivated or that our government was using Cuba as a political pawn. I do believe that the United States and other free nations of the world have an obligation to help liberate Cuba, and in this regard I have made many proposals which unfortunately have not been adopted by the Administration. Believing it will be of interest to you, I am enclosing a copy of my speech before the Senate earlier this year on Cuba, in the hopes it will define my position and detail my stand on this matter.

I am most appreciative of your interest, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE A. SMATHERS
United States Senator

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